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Butterflies

On October 19, 2016 the Ministry of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus will issue 4 stamps of the series "Butterflies".

The series continuation. Beginning Nos. 129–138, 575–578. **Artist:** Alexander Mityanin. **Design:** Marina Vitkovskaya. **Printing:** offset. **Colour:** multicoloured. **Paper:** chalk-surfaced, gummed. **Perforation:** comb 12. **Size of the stamps:** 40x28 mm. **Sheets composition:** 5 stamps & 1 coupon. **Size of the sheets:** 136x77 mm. **Print quantity:** 75.000 stamps each.

The stamps were printed at the Republican Unitary Enterprise "Bobruisk Integrated Printing House named after A.T.Nepogodin".

No. 1158



Garden tiger moth

A

No. 1159



Camberwell beauty

N



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No. 1160



Six-spot burnet

M

No. 1161



Eyed hawk-moth

H



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Face value A is equal to the tariff of a letter up to 20 gram within Belarus.

Face value N is equal to the surface tariff of a postcard abroad.

Face value M is equal to the air-mail tariff of a postcard abroad.

Face value H is equal to the surface tariff of a letter up to 20 gram abroad.



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A sheetlet is also issued. Sheetlet composition: 4 (1 set) stamps. **Size of the sheetlet:** 138x84 mm. **Print quantity:** 20 sheetlets.



The Garden tiger moth (*Arctia caja*) spreads across Europe. It loves damp places, that is why it is particularly common in river valleys as well as gardens and parks. These species fly in July-August. The moth is nocturnal and can usually be seen flying around a source of light. In danger the butterfly reveals its bright red hind wings scaring off the enemy.

The Camberwell beauty (*Nymphalis antiopa*) is a large butterfly native to Eurasia and North America. It occurs in hardwood forests, forest edges and on the banks of reservoirs. It is a powerful flier and sometimes it can be found in areas far from its usual range during migration. These butterflies have a life-span of 11-12 months – one of the most extensive life-spans for any butterfly. They fly in June-September and then after wintering in April-May.

The Six-spot burnet (*Zygaena filipendulae*) is a common species throughout Europe and Russia. This species can be found in meadows, woodland clearings, sea-cliffs and area rich in grasses and flowers, up to 2000 m altitude. The fore wings are dark metallic green with six vivid red spots. The adults fly on hot, sunny days from June to August and are attracted to a wide variety of flowers. The Six-spot burnet is considered very poisonous. Its blood contains cyanide compounds. The caterpillars are also poisonous.

The Eyed hawk-moth (*Smerinthus ocellatus*) is a European moth. It can also be found in Siberia, Asia and Africa. It flies in May-July. Its eyespots are not visible in resting position, where the fore wings cover them. They are displayed when the moth feels threatened and may startle a potential predator giving the moth a chance to escape.

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Colour of the postmark - black.

Special **postmark** and **FDC**
painted by A.Mityanin,
designed by M.Vitkovskaya.

A special cancellation on FDC will be carried out at the post office No.1 of Minsk (shop "Philately", 16 Moskovskaya street) on the stamps issuing day.

4 maximum cards "Butterflies" will be issued too. Artist A.Mityanin. Designer M.Vitkovskaya.



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